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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
(Case No. 99,447)

In the Application of:)

Michael S. Borella et al.)

Serial No.: 09/511,735)

Filing Date: February 24, 2000)

For: Method and Application Programming)

Interface for Assigning Multiple)

Network Addresses)

Examiner: Vaughan Jr., William C.

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TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Dear Sir:

In regard to the above identified application,

1. We are transmitting herewith the attached:
 - a) Response to Restriction Requirement Mailed October 17, 2003; and
 - b) Return Receipt Postcard.
2. With respect to fees:
 - a) No fee is required.
 - b) Please charge any underpayment or credit any overpayment our Deposit Account, No. 13-2490.
3. **CERTIFICATE OF MAILING BY "EXPRESS MAIL" UNDER 37 CFR § 1.10:**
 The undersigned hereby certifies that this Transmittal Letter and the papers, as described herein-above, are being deposited with the United States Postal Service with sufficient postage as "Express Mail Post Office to Addressee" in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, on this 4th day of November, 2003. Express Mail No. EV334709018US.

Respectfully submitted,

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Dear Sir:

On October 17, 2003, the Office mailed a Restriction Requirement, requiring restriction of this application to one of three groups, which the Examiner defined as follows:

- I. Claims 1-8, drawn to creating interprocess communication data structure associated with a network address on a network device, classified in class 709, subclass 227.
- II. Claims 9 and 10, drawn to allocating a memory structure in the host computer for the socket and binding the socket to a new network address, classified in class 709, subclass 245.
- III. Claims 11-39, drawn to plurality of applications on a host computer and associating a descriptor with the socket and storing the descriptor in a protocol stack, classified in class 709, subclass 230.

In compliance with MPEP Section 818, Applicant elects Group I without prejudice. Applicant reserves the right to pursue the subject matter of Claims 9-39 in a divisional application.

Respectfully Submitted,

Date:

11/4/03

By:

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